

GA Stakeholder Forum June 2017 Review Synopsis

| PISGAH LEDGE Agreement | Needs Collaboration |
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| <p>General:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A good place to merge recreation interests with wildlife viewing – opps for interpretation and educational outreach <p>Restoration and resiliency:</p> <p>Access/Veg Management (timber and other mngt):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Like the utilizing the Cradle of Forestry to demonstrate restoration forestry practices – there is a lot of room to do this in Cradle <p>Partnerships:</p> <p>Fire:</p> <p>Habitat Mngt (wildlife):</p> <p>MA distribution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An optimal blend of MAs • This one more than other GAs has best opportunities to achieve balanced habitat conditions because of management areas. • Very pleased with Pisgah Ledge MAs. <p>Recreation:</p> | <p>Restoration and resiliency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restoration in North Mills area. • Need to address stand with offsite poplar dominance –missing in this GA, (eg. Neverending Road); Perhaps addressing offsite Maple as well as poplar; Need to address chestnut restoration for this GA • Collaboration on how the restoration goals for entire GA will be achieved. • Would add hydrological restoration to bog goal • Like the goals in Bent Creek, would love to see emphasis on explaining/interpreting restoration in Bent Creek area • Because there’s so much trail use there are a lot of eroding trails – A LOT of opps for stream restoration • Would like to see more restoration in this GA • Would like to see a goal for spruce restoration • Opps for management and restoration in Cradle of Forestry • Spruce restoration in area south of Shining Rock, Sam Knob Area <p>Access/Veg Management (timber and other mngt):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not specifically address access, such as the Turkey Pen area, but access needs to be addressed GA wide • Timber suitability clarification. • Strategy for retaining trail mileage as a goal. Nice to get specificity about important of retaining trails and roads in this GA. • Two areas ripe – Cedar Rock and Daniel Ridge – roadbuilding especially. Parts where timber harvest is possible. Directly impacts hikers, hunters, forest products, anglers, rock climbers in Cedar Rock, outfitters. |

Partnerships:

- Transylvania has a strong Natural Resources Council—partner with them—they will have recommendations
- Like the emphasis on sustaining and improving aquatic habitat in Mills River watershed – listed species that are at risk due to sedimentation and pesticides. There's a watershed restoration effort in the Mills R. partnership that the forest could look at cooperating with
- Need to do a project that shows we can all get along. CLR approach is the way to go.

Fire:

- Cedar Rock: Brevard wants it managed for reduced fuel load; as a result of the 2016 fires in other areas. Adjacent private land between Brevard and the Forest needs fuel reduction as well.
- When thinking about decommissioning roads, think about future mgmt. needs including fire mgmt.
- Add language about sorely needed prescribed fire program.

Habitat Mngt (wildlife):

- Opportunities for demonstration areas, specifically for viewing wildlife and wildlife habitat practices
- Also include demo areas for pollinator habitat.
- Enormous interest in deer hunting in this area – huge demand for this here
- Issue of hellbender population in Davidson being healthy and harassment of hellbenders – need for education
- On Yellowgap, wildlife viewing goal needed.

MA distribution:

- A lot of interest in the Daniel Ridge, Cedar Rock and west fork of the French Broad areas being backcountry
- Within Interface—should focus on opportunities for education—should be

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| | <p>the emphasis of Interface in this GA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Feel of matrix-centric GA in a highly recreation – some components in Matrix could be different in this GA. Eg, some seasonal road openings.• Art Loeb trail – National Recreation Trail; should this be in the MA list?• Concern about building new system roads in interface and matrix areas that are primarily unroaded and Equal concern that area becoming default roadless areas by not actively managing <p>Recreation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Need recognition of recreational values around 276 corridor and associated climbing areas• The issue of trail reconstruction in highly visited areas• Like to see rock climbing community help goal - “Work with climbing communities to identify new locations of rare species.”• Strategy for retaining trail mileage as a goal. Nice to get specificity about important of retaining trails and roads in this GA.• Mention special use camps and Outward Bound. Discrete enough thing to have a goal – i.e. user conflict and impact issues. (also on Grandfather).• Balance needs of permitted users with other users.• Whatever recreational use, opportunity to demonstrate best possible collaboration. <p>Additional areas mentioned: Cathy Creek</p> |
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